

7. Shri Sudhir Joshi, Minister for School Education Maharashtra.
8. Shri Mukesh Naik, Minister of School Education, Madhya Pradesh.
9. Shri Ram Bilas Sharma, Education Minister, Haryana.
10. Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, Education Minister, Rajasthan.
11. Shri Jai-Dev Jena, Minister for School & Mass Education, Orissa.
12. Ksh. Irabot Singh, Education Minister, Manipur.
13. Shri B. Durga Prasada Rao, Minister for Primary & Secondary Education, Andhra Pradesh.
14. Smt. Chitra Naik, Member, Planning Commission.
15. Shri A. Mohandas Moses, Advisor, Jammu & Kashmir.
16. Shri Abhimanyu Singh, Joint Secretary (EE) Department of Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development) Member - Secretary.

#### Special Invitees

17. Law Secretary or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary.
18. Dr. R.V. Vaidhyanatha Ayyar, Additional Secretary.
19. Shri R.S. Pandey, Joint Secretary (DPEP).
20. Shri S. Satyamoorthy, Financial Adviser, MHRD.

2. The terms of reference of the Committee are as follows :-

- (i) to examine and consider the legal, academic, administrative and financial implications of the proposal to amend the Constitution to make the right to free and compulsory education a fundamental right;
- (ii) to suggest suitable statutory measures to enforce this fundamental right;
- (iii) to suggest guidelines indicating facilities, which if not provided, would be justiciable.

3. The Chairman of the Committee will have powers to coopt members and to set up sub-committees to assist it in its task;

4. The Committee is expected to submit its report within a period of two months from the date of its first meeting;

5. E.E. Bureau would provide necessary secretariat assistance for the Committee's work.

6. The non-official members coopted members or members of sub-committees will be entitled to travel and daily allowance as per Government of India rules.

Sd/-

(Atul Bagai)

Deputy Secretary (EE)

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Copy for information & action to :

1. Members of the Committee.
2. Education Secretaries of All States & Union Territories.
3. Directors of Education of all States & Union Territories.
4. I.F.D./E-I/PPS to ES.
5. Education Secretary, Government of India.

[English]

#### Pak's Stealing of Technology from U.K.

2458. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan is plotting to steal technology from U.K. for its nuclear programme;

(b) whether this matter has been reported in the press;

(c) if so, whether this report has been confirmed by U.K.;

(d) whether this has posed a great threat to India; and

(e) if so, the measures taken by Indian Government to meet the threat?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (e). Government are aware that a Pakistani official was deported from UK in early 1996 for attempting to procure sensitive equipment intended for Pakistan's clandestine nuclear weapon programme. The implications of Pakistan's programme are periodically assessed and evaluated. Government of India is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard its security and national interest in accordance with its own threat perception.

[Translation]

#### Post Lying Vacant in Homoeopathic College in U.P.

2459. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that, all the State Homoeopathic Medical Colleges in